Action against publishing of books preaching Communal Hatred

1152. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of books preaching communal hatred and containing objectionable matter against Islam and other religions prescribed by the Central Government during the last year; and

(b) whether Government propose to establish a special cell to scrutinise such books and take suitable action against the authors and publishers of such objectionable books?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU). (a) Publication of any material which promotes disharmony or feelings of enmity, hatred or ill-will between different communities is an offence under section 153-A IPC. Section 295-A IPC makes it an offence for anyone with deliberate and malicious intention of outraging the religious feelings to insult the religion or religious belief of any class of citizens of India. Under Section 95 Cr. P.C. publications which attract any of these sections can be prescribed. This power is, however, vested only in the State Government. As such the required information is not available with the Central Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Planning Commission's Recommendation regarding recruitment to the Higher Administrative Service

1153. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent Planning Commission study has recommended that recruitment to the higher administrative services should take place on the basis of a national competitive examination at the plus two level; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) At the instance of the Planning Commission the Indian Institute of Public Administration has taken up a study on delinking of degrees from jobs. The study is yet to be completed.

(b) One of the Suggestions made for further examination as part of the study relates to the holding of a national competitive examination for recruitment at the plus 2 level.

Complaints of corruption against Secretaries and High ranking Officers

1154. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister has received complaints of corruption and misuse of powers against Secretaries and high ranking Officers during 1985 from Members of Parliament and if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) whether the complaints were got investigated through some independent agency and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what remedial action has been taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Seventeen complaints were received during 1985 by the Prime Minister's Office from the Members of Parliament against Secretaries, Heads of the Departments and Chief Executives of Public Sector Undertakings. All these complaints were referred to concerned Ministries/Departments for necessary action. Out of these Central Bureau of Investigation looked into one complaint on a reference from the concerned Department. In this case, Central Bureau of Investi-

gation informed the Department that since the officer had already retired and no loss had been caused to the Government, an enquiry by the CBI would not serve any useful purpose.

Complaint of Misappropriation and Irregularities against High ranking Officials

1155. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of high ranking officials against whom complaints of misappropriation and irregularities have been received by C.B.I./C.V.C. during 1985;

(b) the names against whom enquiries were conducted and when and to whom reports were submitted; and

(c) the cases in which charges were found to be correct and what action was taken by Government against such corrupt Officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The details regarding the number of complaints received by the Central Vigilance Commission during the year 1985 against high ranking officials of the Government/Public Sector Undertakings of the rank of Joint Secretary or equivalent and above and the action taken thereon are indicated below:—

(i) No. of complaints received	.. 208
(ii) No. of complaints filed or forwarded to various Organisation for necessary action.	 147
(iii) No. of complaints sent for investigation.	 61
v) No. of complaints on which (i investigation reports received	.. 21
(v) No. of complaints closed after investigation verification.	 12
(vi) No. of complaints on which administrative action advised	.. 12
(vii) No. of complaints on which major penalty advised.	.. 1
(viii) No. of complaints investigation reports on which are being proceessed.	.. 7
(ix) No. of complaints on which investigation reports awaited.	.. 40

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) received 34 complaints during 1985 against high ranking officials of the above mentioned category. Out of these, 13 complaints were sent to the Ministries/Departments concerned; 12 complaints being annoymous/pseudomymous, were filed without any action; four were filed after verification as on substance in the allegations could be found and 5 are pending for verification.

The Central Bureau of Investigation has, also registered 15 cases against high ranking officials during the year 1985. Out of these one case has been sent up for trial; three cases referred for Regular Departmental Action and in one case such action, as deemed fit, has been recommended to the Department. Ten cases are pending for enquiry/investiigation.

It will not be in the pubilc interest to disclose the names of the officers.